IN THE CLAIMS

21-23. (Cancelled)

25-33. (Cancelled)

35-40. (Cancelled)

41. (New). An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a processor for executing a boot program to start up the information processing apparatus;

a data store for storing said boot program and a first startup image data; and

a recording medium removably connected to the information processing apparatus for storing a second startup image data and other data;

whereby if said boot program is executed when said recording medium is not connected to the information processing apparatus, an image of said first startup image data is displayed, and if said boot program is executed when said recording medium is connected to the information processing apparatus, an image of said second startup image data is displayed.

42 (New). An information processing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein:

said boot program includes a security check program;

said recording medium stores identification data; and

when said boot program is executed while said recording medium is connected to the information processing apparatus, the identification data of said recording medium is checked, and if said recording medium is identified as being genuine, said image of said second startup image data is displayed.

said other data store comprises a file allocation table block operable to store header information, a startup image display program storage block operable to act as a read only memory, and a data block operable to store data generated by said information processing apparatus.

43. (New). A method of starting up an information processing apparatus having a processor for executing a boot program to start up the information processing apparatus, a data store for storing said boot program and a first startup image data, and a recording medium removably connected to the information processing apparatus for storing a second startup image data and other data, the method comprising the steps of:

> executing said boot program; and

> displaying an image;

> whereby if said boot program is executed when said recording medium is not connected to the information processing apparatus, an image of said first startup image data is displayed, and if said boot program is executed when said recording medium is connected to the information processing apparatus, an image of said second startup image data is displayed.

44. (New). A method of starting up an information processing according to claim 43, wherein:

> said boot program includes a security check program;

> said recording medium stores identification data; and

> when said boot program is executed while said recording medium is connected to the information processing apparatus, the identification data of said recording medium is checked, and if said recording medium is identified as being genuine, said image of said second startup image data is displayed.

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